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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 5772

FOR MARY HOYT AND S/S FOR BODINE; DEPT FOR A; WHITE  
HOUSE FOR KATHY CADE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, MRS. ROSALYNN), VE  
SUBJECT: MRS. CARTER'S VISIT TO CARACAS: REVISED SCENARIO  
FOR THE CEREMONY AT THE NATIONAL PANTHEON (TOMB  
OF SIMON BOLIVAR).

1. MOTORCADE ARRIVES AT PANTHEON. MRS. CARTER, MRS. CARMEN  
DELIA ESCOVAR (WIFE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER) AND AMBASSADOR  
VAKY PROCEED UP THE STEPS TO ENTRANCE TO PANTHEON. MRS.  
CARTER AND PARTY WILL BE MET BY MRS. LEPAGE (WIFE  
OF THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR RELATIONS), AMBASSADOR PONCE,  
CURATOR HECTOR SANTELLA OF THE NATIONAL PANTHEON AND THE  
US SERVICE ATTACHES.

2. MRS. CARTER'S PARTY FORMS AS FOLLOWS: IN THE FIRST  
ROW, MRS. CARTER IS IN THE CENTER WITH AMBASSADOR PONCE  
ON HER RIGHT AND AMBASSADOR VAKY ON HER LEFT. IN THE  
SECOND ROW ARE, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, MRS. VANCE, MRS.  
VAKY AND MRS. HOYT. IN THE THIRD ROW, ARE, AMBASSADOR  
TODMAN, MRS. DOBELLE AND MR. PASTOR. THIS GROUP PROCEEDS  
THROUGH THE DOOR AND DOWN THE LENGTH OF THE PANTHEON TO  
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THE SARCOPHAGUS WHICH CONTAINS THE REMAINS OF SIMON  
BOLIVAR. BEHIND FOLLOW GOV OFFICIALS, THE SERVICE  
ATTACHES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE U.S. OFFICIAL PARTY,  
IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER. TO THE LEFT, AS ONE FACES THE  
SARCOPHAGUS, BUT SOMEWHAT BEHIND MRS. CARTER'S PARTY  
WILL STAND THE SERVICE ATTACHES. TO THE RIGHT WILL  
STAND GOV OFFICIALS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE U.S.

OFFICIAL PARTY.

3. WHEN THE PARTY IS IN POSITION BEFORE THE SARCOPHAGUS, AMBASSADOR PONCE WILL INVITE MRS. CARTER TO PLACE THE WREATH (WHICH IS IN A READY POSITION ON THE RIGHT OF THE SARCOPHAGUS). WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AMBASSADOR VAKY, MRS. CARTER MOVES THE WREATH AND ITS STAND TO THE FRONT OF THE SARCOPHAGUS AND RETURNS TO POSITION.

4. EVERYONE REMAINS IN POSITION AND OBSERVES ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE, DURING WHICH THE CARILLON WILL PLAY THE U.S. NATIONAL ANTHEM. AMBASSADOR PONCE WILL INVITE MRS. CARTER TO SIGN THE GUEST BOOK WHICH IS ON A STAND IN FRONT AND TO THE LEFT. AMBASSADOR VAKY ALSO SIGNS.

5. TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF TELEVISION AND NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS, MRS. CARTER AND HER PARTY HAVE BEEN REQUESTED, FOLLOWING THE BOOK SIGNING, TO TAKE POSITIONS WITH THEIR BACKS TO THE SARCOPHAGUS ON EITHER SIDE OF THE WREATH WHICH WILL BE IN POSITION IN FRONT OF THE SARCOPHAGUS. A PROTOCOL REPRESENTATIVE WILL INDICATE THE POSITION FOR MRS. CARTER AND EACH MEMBER OF HER PARTY.

6. WHEN PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CEREMONY WILL TURN AND BOW THEIR HEADS SLIGHTLY TOWARD THE SARCOPHAGUS. THE CURATOR WILL EXPLAIN TO MRS. CARTER THE VARIOUS MONUMENTS IN EVIDENCE. THIS FIVE MINUTE TOUR WILL ALLOW THE PRESS TO MOVE  
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AHEAD TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

7. ON CONCLUSION OF THIS TOUR MRS. CARTER WILL BE ESCORTED TO THE ENTRANCE BY MRS. LEPAGE.  
VAKY

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